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In re Application of)
Drew Allen)
Serial No.: 09/985,719)
Filed: November 6, 2001)
Title: Compression Bone Staple,)
Apparatus And Method)

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AMENDMENT AND RESPONSE TO RESTRICTION REQUIREMENT

Commissioner for Patents
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Sir:

In response to Examiner's Restriction Requirement mailed July 31, 2003 (Paper No. 7),
Please amend the above-referenced application as follows:

In the specification

Please amend the sentence added by preliminary amendment before the first line of the
specification to read as follows:

~~This is a continuation of application S/N. 09/500,060, filed 02/08/00, now U.S Patent No.
6,348,054.--~~

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